

The News

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My dear Mr Garrison

I have to thank you for  
papers pamphlets containing  
Letters of Mr W E Chandler  
& your own on the Hayes Policy  
the & last, tho' not least, the  
small work by Rev. J. F. Clarke  
on Essentials in Religion  
which I shall read with

great interest & am sure  
shall enjoy coming from  
such a pen & so important  
a subject. But I have  
now more especially to  
write & tell you of the  
death at last, of our friend  
Mrs Thompson; she  
died last evening, Saturday  
April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 PM,  
after her long & painful



illness, for I think she has  
been confined to her bed  
over fifteen months, but  
she borne her trials bravely  
& at last has snatched  
quite wasted away but  
passed away peacefully  
at last. I saw <sup>her</sup> last.  
Sunday evening & then  
thought a parting  
had taken place & bid  
her good bye not expecting  
to see her again. Mr Lupton  
has frequently called once a  
week to see her for some  
months past & that he has  
some little delicacy & of  
late it was only stimulants  
that seemed to revive her  
for a time. Our friend George  
Thompson I saw & says the  
is feeling the loss keenly  
& much depressed by the event.  
He of late he has been decidedly



better & more cheerful getting  
out in - bath chair & one day  
(about - for the night since)  
going as far as I'll be  
by Railway - What the effect  
of his wife's death may have  
upon him it is difficult to  
say, he was very glib the  
morning & a good deal excited  
but perhaps after the first  
blow he may rally & gain  
a little. I cannot think  
it can be for long, his speech  
this morning was very inco-  
herent. Mr. Vosworth  
was with him mother & the  
last & Edith & Freddy. The  
Vosworths now live near  
G. J. Mr. Chesson has been  
with them for some weeks  
but only left for London  
a fortnight since, as his  
husband & children require  
his services. Mr. Thompson is



to be interred on the 24<sup>th</sup> I in a  
neighbouring Cemetery. I  
purpose going to the funeral  
but Mr. Lytton will be present  
as she is in Westminster.  
I have been writing today  
to our friends Mr. Nichol,  
W. L. Sewell & Robt. Foster  
to tell them of the loss, as  
they have all been so kind  
to Geo. Thompson & interested  
in his family. Freddy I think  
is getting on & really happy  
in his work & will be a great  
comfort to his <sup>his</sup> grandfather  
Edith I am afraid will not  
make much headway & be  
dependent somewhat on other  
I told Mr. Nosworthy I would  
let you know of her mother's  
death but perhaps they may  
write you themselves. You  
appear to be watching with  
great & anxious interest  
the career of your President  
& seem to criticise his actions



somewhat severely but perhaps  
if I could follow him as you  
have done I might fully  
sympathize in your views;  
our great & anxious interest  
is in Eastern matters in fact  
little else is thought or  
talked about & just now  
there is a bright gleam, tho'  
great uncertainty prevails  
society. & it is a sad reflection  
on our country that we can  
possibly have at the head  
of our government such a  
man as the present Lord  
Beaconsfield, so unprincipled  
& unscrupulous & so strongly  
anti-Russian. Thanks to  
our great <sup>good</sup> W. E. Gladstone  
we are yet not engaged in War,  
our great liberal party have  
very faithfully supported Mr  
Gladstone in his policy & we  
in Leeds hope some day to see  
him represent our Town in the  
House of Commons. But I must



not write further, this Easter  
Sunday morning as the clock  
reminds me 'tis time to  
retire if I intend to do any  
work tomorrow & I have  
a good deal in prospect.  
Remember me very kindly  
to your son Frank & believe  
me ever your most faithfully  
Joseph Lupton

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